

IN THE CLAIMS

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Add new claims 10 – 21 as follows.

1. (Cancelled)

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10. (New) A hand tool for tightening and locking locknuts, the hand tool comprising:

a first member having a proximate end comprising a first handle and a distal end comprising a first jaw;

a second member having a proximate end comprising a second handle and a distal end comprising a second jaw;

a pivot member operably connecting said first and second members and disposed between the handles and the jaws the jaws pivot with movement of the handles;

said first jaw being more distally disposed than the second jaw;

said first jaw being formed with an elongated notch, and said second jaw being formed with a notch, said first notch being formed by engaging a first locknut protrusion and said second notch being formed for engaging a second locknut protrusion; wherein with the handles closed the jaws pivotably engage the respective protrusions.

11. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said first notch comprising an edge for engaging the edge of the first protrusion.

12. (New) The hand tool of claim 11, said second notch comprising a planar edge for engaging the edge of the second protrusion.

13. (New) In combination:

a locknut being formed with a plurality of circumferentially disposed protrusion; and said first notch comprising an edge for engaging the edge of the first protrusion.

14. (New) The combination of claim 13, said locknut comprising an electrical junction by locknut.

15. (New) The combination of claim 14, said protrusions comprising three edges.

16. (New) The combination of claim 15, said first notch comprising an edge engaging one edge of the first protrusion.

17. (New) The combination of claim 16, said second notch comprising a planar edge engaging one edge of the second protrusion.

18. (New) The combination of claim 13, each protrusion comprising three edges.

19. (New) The combination of claim 18, said second jaw notch comprising three edges sized to engage said second protrusion.

20. (New) The combination of claim 19, said first jaw notch comprising two edges sized to engage two edges of the first protrusion that is more distally disposed than the second protrusion.

21. (New) The combination of claim 20, said jaws and said protrusions are disposed in a common plane.